



Positively Rotherham Project

The first engagement meeting with Rotherham locals was held December 2019. From this meeting 3 priorities were identified that the community wanted to focus on.

1. A Village Green
2. Cycle Trails
3. Rotherham Pool

This was followed by a larger meeting held in February 2020 at the Rotherham Hall.



Background

'Positively Rotherham' is a vision created by the community, aiming to increase community connection and growth.

This concept was facilitated by Hurunui District Council's Community Partnerships Team, whose members have continued to support the ongoing projects.

Solution

From these meetings volunteers formed work groups to develop and progress the 3 identified priorities.

Staff from the Council's Community Partnerships Team provided support, introduced to funders, and were able to connect the community with the right council departments when needed.



Funding was a challenge

Hurunui has a small ratepayer base compared to other regions. The groups looked to external funders to assist, but there was also a lot of community donations in goods, time and expertise.

Positives

Rotherham had an active Citizens Association and Pool Committee to maximise the many positives already there. The Community Partnerships Team helped facilitate a plan, ideas and create momentum for the groups.

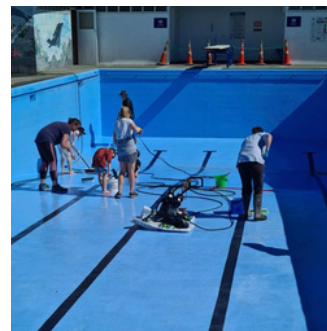
Now the projects are completed the community has more self belief and have more goals on the horizon.

WISH LIST RESULTS as at January 2023

Individual case studies for each of these projects will be written once they're completed.

- The Village Green: nearly completed. ✓
- Public Toilets: completed. ✓
- Rotherham Pool: completed. ✓
- Rotherham Walkway: completed. ✓

Click [here](#) for a Hurunui District Council media release about the Village Green



Pool Working Bee



Village Green



Building the walkway steps



Enjoying the pool

The Future

The Rotherham Citizens Association has strong leadership and a great following. There is now a "Can Do" attitude and more things will happen.

People are moving in to Rotherham, the school has gone from 24 to 40 students and there is a real positive vibe in the community.

*We are here, and we love our little place.
We can't wait to make it even better*

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